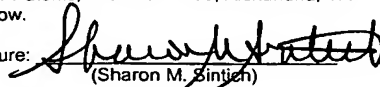


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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT AND
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Dear Sir:

This amendment is in response to the Notice to File Missing Parts of Application mailed August 12, 2004. The Notice required payment of the statutory filing fee and extra claim fees and submission of an Inventor's Declaration, submission of replacement drawings and submission of a sequence listing in compliance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.821-1.825. This response is timely filed with a petition and fee for three-month extension of time.

Prior to examination on the merits, please amend the above-identified patent application as follows:

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 3 of this paper.

Amendments to the Drawings begin at page 9 of this paper.

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